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The following communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed June 25, 2004, and the Advisory Action mailed September 16, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant is submitting this Amendment and Response with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE), in order to further the prosecution of the present application. A complete list of the Claims, including marked-up versions of the rewritten, added, withdrawn, and/or cancelled claims is provided below, beginning on page 2. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of Festo¹. The Remarks begin on page 6, and the Conclusion is on page 9.

¹ Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co., No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).